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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 25, 2007**

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Salvador Gutierrez-Galvan was sentenced in federal court in San Diego following his plea of guilty to transporting illegal aliens, resulting in serious bodily harm. United States District Judge John A. Houston sentenced Gutierrez-Galvan to serve 71 months in custody, three years of supervised release, and pay a special assessment of \$100.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Ott, who prosecuted the case, Gutierrez-Galvan pled guilty to transporting illegal aliens on February 1, 2007. Court documents establish that on November 3, 2006, Salvador Gutierrez-Galvan was the driver of a white Ford Crown Victoria transporting two undocumented aliens, each of whom had no legal right to enter or remain in the United States. As the vehicle approached the primary inspection point at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, Gutierrez-Galvan accelerated through the checkpoint without stopping for an immigration inspection. Border Patrol agents in marked vehicles attempted to effect a traffic stop as Gutierrez-Galvan traveled westbound on State Route 905 at a high rate of speed and merged onto Highway 805 north. The pursuit ended when Gutierrez-Galvan ran a red

light at high speed and crashed his vehicle into two vehicles, resulting in serious injuries to the civilians inside the vehicles Gutierrez-Galvan struck.

Judge Houston scheduled a hearing on June 11, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. regarding restitution for the victims.

**DEFENDANT** Case Number 06CR2429-JAH

SALVADOR GUTIERREZ GALVAN.

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Transporting Illegal Aliens Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury  
Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (a)(1)(B)(iii)

**AGENCY**

United States Border Patrol